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Assistant Commissioner for Patents   February 14, 2002
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2002 (Paper No. 8), the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 12-16, for initial examination on the merits in the present application. This election is made with traverse.